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**Patent Application**

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GRAPHICALLY REPRESENTING ELEMENTS IN A NETWORK

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**RESPONSE AMENDMENT**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the event that an extension of time is required for this response to be considered timely, and a request therefor does not otherwise accompany this response, any necessary extension of time is hereby requested.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with this response. In the event applicants are incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due, including extension of time and excess claim fees (\$52), to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-4802/LCNT/124990.